

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claims 1, 6, and 8 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-10, and 21-30 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3-10, and 21-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,946,386 issued to Rogers et al.

Claim 1 recites the following:

means for communicating with at least one computer telephony application using a common standardized message structure set which is independent of any particular telephony environment said application including means for selecting one of said plurality of environments to communicate over;

means for dynamically configuring said server to communicate with said telephony environments using specific message structure sets each corresponding to particular one of said telephony environments;

a translation layer for translating messages between the standardized message structure set and the specific message structure sets; and

means for automatically configuring said server to select said one environment selected by said application upon receipt of a selection message of said one environment from said application.

Claims 6, 8, 26, 27, and 28 recite similar limitations.

Rogers discloses a call management system with call control from user workstation computers. Rogers does not disclose, teach, or suggest means for dynamically configuring a computer telephony server to communicate with a plurality of telephony environments. This limitation is recited in claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is not anticipated by Rogers. Claims 6, 8, 26, 27, and 28 recite similar limitations. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 6, 8, 26, 27, and 28 are not anticipated by Rogers.

Claims 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 21-25, 29, and 30 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claim in addition to adding further limitations of their own. Therefore, Applicants submit that Rogers does not anticipate claims 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 21-25, 29 and 30 for at least the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-10, and 21-30 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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